

quite like a house and as a  
matter of course my mind  
runs more on furnishing.  
I believe I could make a house  
look cozy and homelike if I  
could get just what I want to,  
but this talk that all you want,  
is a little money and a good  
deal of taste is humbug, both  
as to dressing and furnishing.  
Still the house is going to be  
a very bright sunny one and  
that goes a great way. Uncle  
wishes me to arrange drawers  
shelves etc, in closets just to  
suit myself, so if they are not  
convenient it will be my own  
fault. The waist you left here  
is the one belonging to your  
black serge. I will send when  
we send other things. Glad to  
know you have fruit. Would  
you like to have Papa send box  
to you before peaches are gone.  
If so fix day when it shall  
go so that Thomas will be down

and get it.  
I think Grace is

going to  
give satisfaction  
to his Uncle.

I had a  
letter from  
him today  
in which  
he expressed  
his pleasure  
that Annie  
is not at  
all inclined  
to go out  
in the street  
after dinner!  
Mamma.

I was glad to know that  
you and Annie had the pleasure  
of being together again as you  
had last Saturday, and as I presume  
you will have this coming Sat.  
Life is short and it is good to  
enjoy as much as possible the  
society of our loved ones as we  
go along. I regret very much that  
you and Annie should be separated  
at all; but at the same time I do  
feel as if I must care at least of  
the children at home. Don't you  
think it would be dreadful for  
Papa and I to go into that big  
empty house all alone? By  
the way do you have a mid term  
vacation, and if so when does it  
come?



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I hope it will come just about  
the time we go into the new house  
and then you must come home.  
Joe's I expect will come before  
we are in. I feel encouraged  
to think that he is making a good  
start. Uncle writes that Clara  
seems quite studious. Probably  
Uncle's experience with  
Fessenden will react in Joe's  
favor. I shall be glad when  
Aunt Jane returns. Joe, will  
be happy with her.

You express regret that Aunt  
Jennie should have complained  
to me of what you wrote to  
Mattie. That was not just  
the way of it. I had the idea  
that something was wrong  
from a remark I heard Eddy  
make, and knowing of old  
that Aunt Jennie feels better

about anything when  
she talks it over and when  
she does not, only worse and  
worse, (While I mused the  
fire burned.) I purposely  
drew fire, taking it when  
Annie was by, so that if  
there was anything to explain  
she might explain. I did not  
really believe that you made the <sup>remark</sup> ~~remark~~  
that she credited you with, but after  
reading your letter I conclude you  
did, and can only say that I think  
it was unwise. But let the matter  
drop with this single remark, that  
good feeling and comfortable  
among relatives is a much to be  
desired thing, and that you  
will have to exercise some care  
if you keep it between you and  
Auntie, and Uncle Sanford.  
The house begins to look